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MANUFACTURE OF A TIRE, AND A TIRE, THE TREAD OF
WHICH COMPRISES SUCH A COMPOSITION

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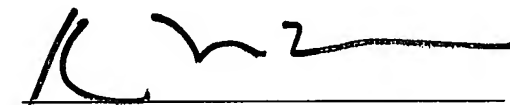
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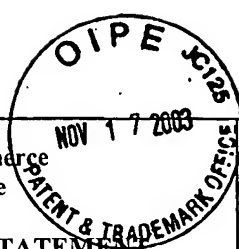
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